

San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit

Rio Grande National Forest



Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) Vacancy: Fire Engine Operator High (FEOH), GS-0462-06/07

Tour: 18/08

Duty Station: Saguache, CO

Opened: September 14th, 2020

The SLV IFMU/Rio Grande National Forest will be filling an 18/08 **Fire Engine Operator High (FEOH): GS-0462-06/07 in Saguache, CO**. The Rio Grande NF and San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit is looking for a dynamic motivated individual to join their team to serve as an assistant engine captain on a Type 6 Engine. Interested applicants should contact **Derrick Rader, Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer @ 719-850-2379 or email derrick.rader@usda.gov**.

The San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit consists of the National Park Service, U. S Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service, which have pooled their resources and personnel to create an efficient, highly experienced and skilled fire and fuels management team for the San Luis Valley.

THIS IS AN OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT. This type of announcement provides the Forest Service with a readily available source of applicants when vacancies occur. Eligibility and qualifications will be verified when there is a vacancy for the location and grade for which you applied. Information on specific locations where jobs are being filled and the dates when applications are due for these locations can be found on the [Forest Service website](#).

Please click this link to view & apply for this vacancy:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578636100>

Other places to get further information:

- ☐ FS Videos: [Welcome to the Forest Service: Applying for a Job](#)
- ☐ USAJOBS YouTube Videos: [How to Apply for Federal Jobs](#)

Please note that TOS or Relocation Incentives are NOT authorized for this OCR Vacancy

**** RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST ****

The Rio Grande NF is 1.82 million acres located in southwestern Colorado. The Continental Divide runs for 236 miles along most of the western border of the Forest. The Forest presents a myriad of ecosystems, from the 7,600-ft. alpine desert floor to over 14,300-ft. mountains in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness on the eastern side. The Forest embraces the San Luis Valley, a large rural agricultural valley. The Rio Grande NF includes all or parts of 4 Wilderness Areas (South San Juan, Weminuche, La Garita and Sangre de Cristo), the headwaters of the Rio Grande River and the moonscape wonder of the Wheeler Geologic Area, established by Theodore Roosevelt in 1911.

**** SAN LUIS VALLEY ****

Larger than the state of Rhode Island, the San Luis Valley (SLV) is the largest and highest agricultural alpine valley in the world. The Valley floor rests at 7600'. To the west of the SLV is the San Juan Mountains ecosystem, the headwaters of the Rio Grande River and the Continental Divide. To the east, the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range, complete with multiple ``14'ers'', stand guard over this incredibly beautiful, very rural and isolated area. Denver is 4-hours north and Albuquerque is 4-hours south when you get the itch to experience some hustle and bustle (Durango, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs are 2-3 hours away). Long summer days in the 80's transition through a colorful and crisp fall. Winters can be somewhat extreme, with temperatures dipping well below zero and, in some years, frequent snows, however the low mountain humidity and abundance of sunshine mitigate the affect.



**** SAGUACHE ****

<http://saguache.org/>

Saguache Ranger District

Saguache has it all, from ghost towns in the west to the Sand Dunes National Park and Reserve in the east. La Garita and Sangre De Cristo Mountains Wilderness Areas are known for their outdoor opportunities, their lakes, and their mountain streams. Saguache is a small limited service community of approximately 600 people located at the north end of the San Luis Valley. Saguache is located on the junction of Highways 285 and 114. Gunnison is approximately 70 miles west of Saguache, Salida is approximately 45 miles north of Saguache and Monte Vista (location of Forest Supervisors office) is approximately 35 miles south of Saguache. The center of commerce for the San Luis Valley, Alamosa, is 58 miles south and east of Saguache. Saguache has a very rural life style with ranching being the predominant occupation. The limited services include: K-12 school system, doctors clinic, grocery store, weekly newspaper, library, police and volunteer fire departments, volunteer ambulance, post office, and a limited number of other small businesses such as feed store and pottery shops. Saguache is also the county seat. Housing is limited with rentals starting around \$400 per month and homes for sale starting around \$80,000. Several real estate businesses are in the area. Summer temperatures are rarely over 80 degrees and winters can be moderate to extremely cold (-20 or more). Generally Saguache receives only light snowfall. This is a high mountain desert valley with the town elevation around 7800 feet.

Information on the Web:

<http://www.monte-vista.org/>

www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande